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Prepared by: _____

Approved by: _____

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 616 ADAMS
AVENUE THE “DR. VASCO A. SMITH JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.”
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIKE RITZ.**

WHEREAS, Dr. Vasco A. Smith, a former Shelby County Commissioner and lifelong public servant, departed this earthly life September 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was first elected to the Shelby County Quarterly Court in 1973, serving continuously until 1994; and

WHEREAS, During his legislative tenure, Dr. Smith was a key initiator in founding the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (the MED) and was widely recognized for his advocacy for racial equality; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his public service, Dr. Smith was a tireless civil rights advocate, whom Dr. Benjamin Hooks has praised as “a great soldier in the fight for freedom,” and;

WHEREAS, As a lifelong Memphian, Dr. Smith graduated from Booker T. Washington High school in 1937 and from LeMoyne College in 1941 before attending dental school at Meharry Medical College in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County Government deems it fitting and proper to honor the life and public service of Dr. Vasco A. Smith by naming the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County Building at 616 Adams in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County building located at 616 Adams Avenue be and the same is hereby named the “Dr. Vasco A. Smith Juvenile Justice Center.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a fitting and appropriate plaque and signage shall be erected commemorating this naming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Art. II, § 2.06(B).

Joyce Avery, Acting Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____